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**Public Transportation in Phase 2 Reopening**

May 2020

Montanans have succeeded in limiting the spread and impacts of COVID-19 by working together and following guidance that has been provided. This has presented an opportunity to move to Phase 2 of the Reopening the Big Sky strategy. We have received questions regarding transport of customers and prevention strategies for buses, vans, taxis. Please note the following **requirements** for Phase 2 beginning **Monday, June 1, 2020**:

1. Assess the health of all employees at the beginning of each shift. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 must be sent home. These include cough, difficulty breathing, fever, repeated shaking with chills, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.
2. Encourage customers to stay home if they're experiencing the symptoms of COVID-19.
3. Strongly encourage the use of cloth face masks for customers and staff.
4. Follow frequent sanitizing protocols.

**Group Size:**

1. Continue to provide physical distancing of 6 feet between non-family groups.
2. Groups may be expanded to no more than 50 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.

Lewis and Clark Public Health has the following **additional guidance** to help protect staff and customers from disease.

1. **Develop a written plan** to manage Phase 2 operations. Be sure to address any issues unique to your operations and location.
2. **Support respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene.**
  - a. **Encourage the use of cloth face masks** that fully cover the mouth and nose.
    - i. A cloth face covering will help contain any respiratory droplets from the wearer and protect other people. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
    - ii. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing and good personal hygiene.
    - iii. You can make cloth face coverings at home or purchase them. If you want to make your own face mask, links to reliable sources for patterns can be found on our web page. [www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19](http://www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19)

- b. Place hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol at the entrance of the vehicle or provide to customers when loading for transportation.
3. Increase ventilation in the vehicle. This could be by opening windows, or increasing air circulation.
4. **Routinely clean** all surfaces touched by customers. A list of sanitizers effective for COVID-19 is located on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>. Be sure to **strictly follow specified contact times and mix rates**.
5. We encourage you to **develop a roster** of all customers with contact information if needed for contact investigations.

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please call Lewis and Clark Public Health at 457-8900. Thank you for protecting our community from COVID-19.

**If you suspect Coronavirus, contact your medical provider.**

For a link to this document and other local information: [www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19](http://www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19)